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**Subject:** RE: Tar Creek, Wilcox Superfund sites

Erin,

See my responses below. Thanks.

Question 1: What is the current status of the sites, particularly Wilcox?

Answer: The Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site is currently in the Remedial Investigation (RI) phase of the Superfund Process.

Question 2: I understand regulators have been talking with stakeholders about eventual uses for the Wilcox site. Has DEQ been part of that?

Answer: DEQ and EPA work together and are participating in general discussions about reuse potential for various parcels.

Question 3: In some of the coverage, I've seen statements from DEQ that it made residents and landowners at the Wilcox site aware of the risks at the site. But people who lived there said they had no idea how toxic it was. How the agency inform people about the risks at Wilcox?

Answer: DEQ and EPA make it a priority to keep residents and the Bristow community informed and aware of potential risks that may be associated with the Wilcox site.

DEQ and EPA have provided and will continue to provide written and verbal information regarding potential risks at the Wilcox site.

Suggestions on precautions that the public can take to prevent exposure have also been provided in published handouts and in verbal discussions.

DEQ and EPA also host "open houses" at the Bristow library several times a

year to keep the public informed of sampling results and upcoming plans for the site.

Information for the Wilcox site is also made available on the DEQ and EPA websites.

DEQ and EPA project managers have provided their contact information to onsite residents and the public if any questions or concerns arise.

Until the Remedial Investigation (RI) is complete and a Risk Assessment performed, the extent of risks to human health and environment at the site is not fully known.

For those residents living on and adjacent to the Wilcox site who have private water wells, testing of those wells has been performed by DEQ and EPA to determine the safety of the drinking water.

All test results for those private water wells indicate that the drinking water is safe.

Question 4: Erin, the Halliburton site is in the VCP program. It would be a question for Ray Roberts.

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**From:** Erin Hatfield

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Todd, could you provide some info on these questions?

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**From:** Mike Soraghan [<mailto:msoraghan@eenews.net>]

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**To:** Erin Hatfield

**Subject:** RE: Tar Creek, Wilcox Superfund sites

Ms. Hatfield,

Hi. I realize it's taken a while for me to get back to you. But I did want to follow up . I'm finishing a

story that involves the Wilcox site and others in Bristow. I'm trying to finish my reporting this week. I had some questions about Wilcox and the other sites. Would it be possible to talk to the point person for the sites there? These are some of the questions I'm trying to get answers to.

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I understand regulators have been talking with stakeholders about eventual uses for the Wilcox site. Has DEQ been part of that?

In some of the coverage, I've seen statements from DEQ that it made residents and landowners at the Wilcox site aware of the risks at the site. But people who lived there said they had no idea how toxic it was. How the agency inform people about the risks at Wilcox?

What was the Halliburton site? It's on the list of sites, but its status is listed as inactive.

I would expect to have some questions in the future on Tar Creek, but I'm further behind on that story.

Thank you,

Mike Soraghan

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Mr. Soraghan,

I am sending you a link to DEQ's Superfund page on our website. It probably won't answer all of your questions, but I think it should give you a great start. Please let me know what you're interested in that isn't covered.

<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/sfindex.html>

Thank you,

Erin

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Ms. Hatfield,

Hi. Mike Soraghan here with E&E News. I'm working on a story about Superfund sites in Oklahoma. In particular, I'm looking at Tar Creek and the Wilcox site in Bristow. I'm trying to find out what the

state has done there, is doing and plans to do next. I'm intending to visit both sites in the next few weeks.

I'm also interested in the voluntary cleanup sites in Bristow (Kwikset, Ohio/Marathon, and maybe Halliburton?). On those, I'm primarily interested in the boundaries of the sites.

Thank you,

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